



November 7, 2012

STATE OF MICHIGAN
**Department of
Human
Services**

Re: SB 645
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Dear Rep.
Maura Corrigan, Director

I am writing on
express the

**MICHIGAN DOMESTIC
VIOLENCE AND SEXUAL
ASSAULT PREVENTION
AND TREATMENT BOARD**
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sexual violence
not in
to others in
BOARD MEMBERS
survivors upon
Cris Sullivan, Ph.D., Chair
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Kathryn A. Hoover's
survivors of
above can be
Debi Cain, Executive Director

Sincerely,

Debi Cain,
Michigan

CC:

Rep. Kurt Heise
Rep. Ken Horn
Rep. Kurt Damrow
Rep. Paul
Rep. Bradford
Rep. Peter
Rep. Pat

Walsh, Chairperson, House Judiciary Committee

Office Building
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(prohibit prisoners receiving or possessing certain items)

Walsh:

behalf of the Michigan Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Prevention & Treatment Board to
Board's support for SB 645, which would amend the Corrections Code to prohibit a prisoner from
possessing either of the following:

belonging to a victim of the crime for which he or she was incarcerated, or that had formerly
a victim of the crime.

exceptions for representations of immediate family members, any photograph, drawing, or
image or representation of a victim of the crime.

believes that this bill could contribute to the emotional well-being of survivors of domestic and
and their family members by providing them with the assurance that incarcerated assailants were
possession of mementos from the crimes committed against them. Such items could be displayed
prison in violation of survivor privacy. Also, offenders seeking to subject victims to further
could show these items and images to others in prison in order to prompt other prisoners to contact
their release.

thanks the House Judiciary Committee for taking up SB 645, and for its consideration of the
position. The Board also thanks the bill sponsor for his work on this issue so important to
domestic violence, sexual assault, and other crimes. Any questions about the positions expressed
directed to Mary Lovik, Staff Attorney to the Board, at lovikm@michigan.gov, or 517-241-7591.

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Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Prevention and Treatment

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